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PRESS STATEMENT

It is clear from our review of the lobby surveillance footage in several locations in the lobby, both Prendinellys "Brenda" Garcia, age 47 and Jennifer Agostini, age 43, were themselves the clear, aggressive and harmful instigators in 3 different altercations in 3 different areas in the lobby early Sunday morning on November 24, 2019.

These women and other members of their party were hostile, aggressive, constantly cursing and physical instigators of altercations in three separate areas while at Sky Room:

First, at the rear lobby ATM machine, where they initially, falsely accused and allegedly assaulted another woman taking money out of her own account with her own card. Ms. Garcia and Ms. Agostini verbally and physically attacked this woman erroneously with what appeared to be harmful intent. In our opinion, the ATM altercation in the back lobby area was entirely the fault of Ms. Garcia and Ms. Agostini. Our security team immediately sought to de-escalate the situation, verbally at first, and then sought to get the entire Garcia/Agostini party out of the back lobby area towards the front door, as the Garcia/Agostini party continued to escalate the situation. Garcia and Agostini, as well as their other party members, ignored our security staff's directives to be quiet and leave immediately. Security then began to move the Garcia/Agostini party towards the front door to leave.

The second altercation with the Garcia/Agostini party involved both aggressive and deliberate, cursing and alleged further physical contact, as Agostini instigated a confrontation with another small party of customers in the front lobby area. This belligerent second confrontation with Sky Room customers escalated with both parties swinging as security staff sought to get everyone outside the door.

Then, on a third occasion, Ms. Garcia and Ms. Agostini and their party were escorted out the front door by our security. However, even while outside, Agostini, again, tried to instigate another fight outside the door, as she was bleeding from a cut above her right eye on her forehead from the second of three altercations she allegedly began herself. She also refused any medical help to the small cut above her right eye.

Our security staff even offered to call an ambulance for the small injury they observed to Ms. Agostini's right forehead just above her right eye. Cleaning the small cut with antiseptic and putting a small band aid on it could have stopped the bleeding. We all know even small injuries to our head area can bleed a lot, if not cared for. She refused.

She and the other members of her party hung around outside the front door still seeking to instigate another fight for almost another 10 full minutes. When police arrived (called by our staff) to document the truth, Ms. Agostini refused to talk to police and eventually left the scene, never seeking to get any medical or first aid care for her own head injury. It is our opinion, Ms. Agostini had another agenda including seeking to spread as much blood on her face as possible for photos released to the media vs. seeking to care for her small injury at the lounge or from an ambulance our staff offered her.

We also find it outrageous and allegedly defamatory that Ms. Agostini and her party concocted a false narrative about an alleged "racial" fight with our customers and also allegedly lied saying our security staff pushed, beat or hit her. Neither is true. In fact, race was never a factor of any altercation, but Ms. Garcia and Ms. Agostini's own aggressive and harmful actions both verbally and physically are to blame. It is an abomination the Garcia/Agostini party were not truthful about what REALLY happened.

Ironically, Ms. Garcia eventually found her credit card, which was always in her possession. She and others in her party blamed and allegedly assaulted another woman downstairs in the lobby for falsely accusing her of stealing Garcia's card. Ms. Garcia, herself, forgot her credit card was still in her possession. Ms. Garcia and Ms. Agostini chose to allegedly and harmfully escalate and allegedly and aggressively cursed, hit and grabbed others, all AFTER their harmful decision to blame others for Garcia's mistake.

We wish Ms. Garcia much luck with her alleged "swimsuit modeling" career and we also wish Ms. Agostini much luck with her "acting" career. According to a perfunctory internet search, neither Garcia and Agostini, in our opinion, seem to be a professional model or professional actor. We look forward to reviewing evidence of them getting paid enough for either one of their professional careers over the course of many years to make a livable wage doing so.

Sky Room is New York City's highest rooftop party lounge. We welcome customers of every race and ethnicity and seek to mirror the great NYC community in which we operate. We also welcome customers from around the world. Please visit our social media feeds to see the many photos of our diverse customer base enjoying themselves at our midtown Manhattan location.

IMPORTANT DROPBOX LINK WITH VIDEO AND MORE FOR MEDIA:

For video, photos and other factual information about this incident, please visit https://www.dropbox.com/sh/1rc2cx6ckn93ngu/AAAgtjCl-fFzc8HUtKAlPkbFa?dl=0

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